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WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOR 2010

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More than 200 million children in the world today are involved in child labor, doing work that is damaging to their mental, physical and emotional development. While the total elimination of child labor is a long-term goal in many countries, certain forms of child labor must be confronted immediately. The effective abolition of child labor is one of the most urgent challenges of our time.

Celebrated every year on June 12, ***the World Day against Child Labor*** aims to promote awareness and action to tackle child labor. This year the U.S. Departments of State and Labor convened policymakers and practitioners from government, labor, business, and civil society to commemorate World Day against Child Labor and highlight the difference people can make with coordinated, effective action. Themes from the conference included the strategies and policies necessary to combat child labor, including economic development and good jobs for parents, access to education, and responsible law enforcement.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

[Statement by President Barack Obama on World Day against Child Labor](#) (June 11, 2010)

TOWARDS A WORLD WITHOUT CHILD LABOR



[Remarks by Secretary Clinton at the "Working Together to Combat Child Labor" Conference](#) (June 8, 2010) - "The problem of child labor may be entrenched but it is also solvable. And working together, we can provide families across the world with meaningful alternatives to child labor and by doing that we address the root causes – including inequality, inadequate access to education, a lack of decent work for parents, poor enforcement of labor laws – all of which perpetuate the cycle of poverty." [Read the full transcript](#) | [Watch video](#)

[Remarks by Under Secretary for Democracy and Global Affairs Maria Otero at "Working Together to Combat Child Labor"](#) (June 8, 2010) - "To achieve our ambitious aims, we must use all the tools at our disposal to drill down and address the root causes of child labor – recognizing that programs and policies that promote economic development, access to education, and effective governance all play a role in the effective elimination of exploitative child labor. Protecting children's rights should be at the heart of our broader struggle to promote human rights, development, human security and rule of law for all peoples." [Read the full transcript.](#)

GO FOR THE GOAL...END CHILD LABOR



[Accelerating Action against Child Labor](#) (2010) - This Global Report presents a dynamic global picture, updating global trends introduced in the 2006 Global Report and setting out progress in the ratification of [International Labour Organization \(ILO\)](#) standards, and reviews the progress made in implementing the Global Action Plan. It examines key challenges and gaps that remain and how these can be addressed, and outlines a series of key steps to ensure accelerated progress towards the 2016 target.

[Good Practices on Child Labor](#) (May 2010) - During [the Hague Global Child Labour Conference 2010](#), [International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour \(IPEC\)](#) and its partners launched 22 good practices (GPs) from all over the world. These GPs describe interesting initiatives that are making a difference in fighting child labor.



[Global Child Labor Developments: Measuring Trends from 2004 to 2008](#) (May 2010) - The latest trend report provides new global and regional estimates on child labor for the year 2008 and compares them with the previous 2004 estimates. It also explains in detail the underlying estimation methodologies and gives an overview of the datasets used. The report shows that globally child labor continues to decline, albeit at a lower rate. Key findings are presented according to: form of children's work, age group, sex, region, sector of activity and status in employment.

[Adapting a Systems Approach to Child Protection](#) (January 2010) - This paper examines the systems approach to child protection within the broader context of system theory with the goal of identifying the key elements of any system and the underlying tensions and processes that determine a system's ultimate dynamics. With this foundation in place, the paper then outlines a set of characteristics commonly used by stakeholders to define and make choices about the role of a child protection system generally.

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